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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
GEOFFREY L. GATTON et al.)	Group Art Unit 3723
)	
Serial No. 10/756,856)	
Confirmation No. 3425)	Examiner Shantese L. McDonald
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Filed: January 14, 2004)	
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For: TOOL AND PROCESS FOR)	Attorney Docket 1-24289
CHROME PLATING A VEHICLE)	
WHEEL SURFACE)	

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Honorable Sir:

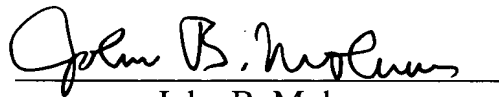
We have received a Notice of Allowance, dated August 25, 2004, for the above-identified application. Upon reviewing the file history for application in the PAIRS system, a copy of which is enclosed, we note what appear to be requirements to mail formal drawings and oath or declaration. The requirements in question are high lighted on the copy of the file history. We have also enclosed a copy of the Notice of Allowability that does not indicate that formal drawings are required. Additionally, we have enclosed copies of the executed Inventor's Declarations that were filed with the application.

We have further enclosed a copy of the Assignment data entry currently present in the PAIRS system that does not include an Assignee name and address. We have

recorded an Assignment transferring ownership to Hayes Wheels International. A copy of the Notice of Recordation is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above described matters be clarified. We do expect to prepare and submit a set of formal drawings before paying the issue fee so that the patent will issue with same.

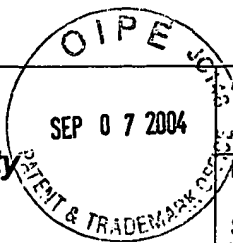
Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/756,856

Examiner

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Art Unit

3723

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to an application filed 1/14/04.
2. ☐ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-41.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 14 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/19/04, 6/14/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.